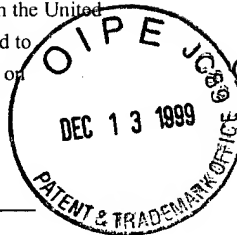


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, delete the two lines above the title of the invention, reading "P.6765" and "Sulzer Chemtech AG, Winterthur, Schweiz";

immediately above the first line of the specification, commencing "This invention relates", insert (centered):

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

line 3 of the text, change "etc" to --etc--;

line 4, change "(eg" (both occurrences) to --(e.g.--;

line 5, change "vapour" to --vapor--;

line 11, change "face to face" to --face-to-face--;

line 22, change "vapour" to --vapor--;

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